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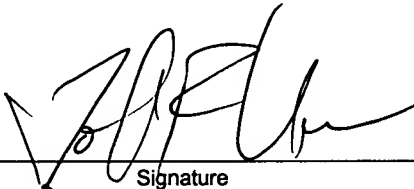
For: **IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, SYSTEM AND EXAMINATION APPARATUS FOR A  
TOTAL EXTRACTION OF A THREADLIKE STRUCTURE IN A DIGITAL IMAGE**

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